ter's package to the North East about a new industrial policy specific to the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken, so far, to implement it alongwith the action to be taken in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir. A New Industrial Policy and other concessions for industrial development of the North Eastern Region were announced by the Government in December, 1997.

(b) Most of the points of the North East Industrial Policy including extending transport subsidy scheme; grant of Rs. 20 crores to North East Development Finance Corporation; Capital Investment Subsidy and 3% interest subsidy on working capital loans for industrial units in the North East have been notified. In the Budget for 1999-2000, industries set up in the North East in specified industrial centres have been given ten year tax holiday.

Vacant posts in Hindustan Paper Corporation

2079. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of posts of Directors and Managing Directors lying vacant in Hindustan Paper Corporation; and

(b) since when they are lying vacant along with the reasons for not filling up the posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) One post of Director (Operations) in Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. is lying vacant.

(b) The post is lying vacant since 1.11.1996. Action has been initiated for filling up the post.

Clearance by FIPB

2080. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects which have been cleared by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof project-wise and sector-wise;

(c) the actual investment made by the Companies who got the clearance by the Board; and

(d) what are the details thereof Company-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) Sir, 6,414 foreign collaboration proposals (financial and technical) have been cleared by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) during the last three years.

Details of Project-wise and Sector-wise proposals in incorporated in the monthly SIA Newsletter brought out by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion which is widely circulated including of the House.

(c) and (d) During the last three years inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been to the tune of Rs. 40,134.89 crore.

Company-wise and project-wise details of actual inflow of FDI are not centrally maintained.

Irregularities in CCI

2081. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether owing to a serious lapses of his Minstry, the Chairman and Managing Director of he Cement Corporation of India (CCI) continues to be in coveted post though his tenure ended in January, 1999 and corruption charges levelled against him;